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SUBJ: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS TO HAYA DE LA TORRE

1. VICTOR RAUL HAYA DE LA TORRE IS SCHEDULED TO BE SWORN IN TOMORROW AS PRESIDENT OF PERU'S CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY. THIS WILL BE A SIGNAL EVENT IN PERUVIAN HISTORY. IT MARKS A MILESTONE ON PERU'S WAY BACK TO CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT. AND, MORE IMPORTANTLY, IT REPRESENTS A GREAT PERSONAL TRIUMPH FOR HAYA AFTER 50 YEARS OF STRUGGLE AND ADVERSITY. THAT HE WILL TAKE THIS OFFICE (HIS FIRST PUBLIC OFFICE) WITH FULL MILITARY HONORS AND WITH THE COOPERATION OF A DE FACTO MILITARY REGIME WOULD HAVE BEEN INCONCEIVABLE UP UNTIL VERY RECENTLY.

2. HAYA AS A POLITICAL LEADER IS NOT VERY FASHIONABLE ANYMORE AMONG WESTERN ACADEMICIANS AND COMMENTATORS ON LATIN AMERICAN AFFAIRS, IN PART BECAUSE OF HIS ANTI-COMMUNISM. BUT HE IS A SIGNIFICANT FIGURE IN THE HISTORY OF LATIN AMERICA, AND, DESPITE A NUMBER OF REQUIEMS PRONOUNCED OVER IT, THE MOVEMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEFT HE DID SO MUCH TO LAUNCH IN LATIN AMERICA SEEMS SURPRISINGLY ALIVE AND WELL IN SEVERAL PLACES, INCLUDING SUDDENLY PERU AND THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.

3. WE BELIEVE UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THAT A PERSONAL
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MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATION ON THIS OCCASION FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO HAYA WOULD BE APPROPRIATE. THE MESSAGE COULD BE DELIVERED PRIVATELY BY THE AMBASSADOR NEXT WEEK WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT HAYA WOULD RELEASE IT OR NOT AS HE MIGHT CHOOSE.

4. FOLLOWING IS DRAFT TEXT FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S CON-

SIDERATION: QUOTE ALLOW ME TO EXTEND ON MY OWN BEHALF
AND THAT OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OUR WARMEST
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTION AS PRESIDENT OF THE
CONSTITUTIONAL ASSEMBLY OF PERU. THE HIGH HONOR AND
GREAT RESPONSIBILITY THAT HAVE THEREBY COME TO YOU
REFLECT JUST RECOGNITION OF YOUR LIFETIME OF DEDICATION
TO THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY AND SOCIAL JUSTICE. YOU HAVE
MY VERY BEST WISHES FOR GOOD FORTUNE AND SUCCESS IN THE
TASK THAT LIES AHEAD OF YOU AND THE ASSEMBLY. SINCERELY,
END QUOTE. SHLAUDEMAM

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